GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TOURISM AND CULTURE
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DEVELOPMENT OF NATURAL HEALTH CENTRES
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Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have formulated new strategy to develop natural health centres to take advantage of the modern facilities and Indian system of medicine;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the names of projects/proposals received in this regard and the funds sanctioned and released by the Union Government thereunder to each State during each of the last three years and the current year, project-wise;

(d) whether the Government propose to consider foreign earnings of medical institute to promote this form of centres; and

(e) if so, the details thereof ?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (SHRI ANANTH KUMAR)

(a) Yes, Sir. The Governmentinter-alia proposes to facilitate and enhance accessibility of standardized Panchkarma Therapyto hotels who desire to offer this facility of Indian system of medicine.

(b) Guidelines to set up Panchkarma Centres in the hotels have been formulated.

(c) Being a new scheme, no proposals have been received so far.

(d) The promoters of such facilities who have foreign earnings are free to invest the same in to such projects. Tax incentives, are also available for encouraging investment of profits in such tourism infrastructure.

(e) As above.